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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I never talked of dispossession. What I said was that the question of allowing people to cultivate tank-bed lands is dealt with by the district authorities on the recommendation of the Public Works Department authorities."

Elections to the Provincial Haj Committee.

* 89 Q.—JANAB K. M. SEETHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) which public body in North Malabar was asked by the Government to elect two members from Kottayam and Chirakkal taluks for the Provincial Haj Committee during the past fifteen years;

(b) whether the said body was asked to elect two members in 1951 also, by the Sub-Collector of Tellicherry;

(c) whether the elections were made and reported;

(d) when they were made;

(e) whether the Government have approved of the elections; and

(f) if the answer is in the negative the reasons for the disapproval?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" (a) The Jamaithul Islam, Tellicherry, was authorized to elect the members till 1939, the Muslim League Association, Tellicherry, from 1939 till 1951, and Khadimul Islam Jamayath, Tellicherry, from January 1952.

" (b) The Muslim League Association, Tellicherry, was asked as usual in 1951.

" (c) Elections were made but no report was sent to Government.

" (d) On 24th June 1951.

" (e) No.

" (f) The question of disapproval does not arise in view of the answer to clause (c) above."

JANAB K. M. SEETHI :—" In view of the fact that the two taluks were unrepresented on the Haj Committee for more than one year, may I know whether the Government have inquired into the reasons for the delay in making a report on the election that was held in respect of these two members in 1951? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The Association was asked to elect their representative and they said they could have the election only after the holy month was over. They will soon elect their representative and the Committee will be formed."

JANAB K. M. SEETHI :—" I am sorry that the Hon. Minister has not caught my point. It is with reference to the election already held in 1951 that I am inquiring why the report was not

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sent and whether the Government have inquired into the reasons for not sending the report. But it is with reference to the future election that the Hon. Minister is saying that it will be conducted by the new Jamiat some time hereafter? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—Regarding the past election, there was a Government Order that communal organizations indulging in political propaganda should not be allowed to elect members to this body. In pursuance of this order, a new member was to be elected from another Association. The Collector therefore informed the Government that he was taking action in pursuance of that Government Order and he suggested the name of the present Association which was approved by the Government. They are now going on with the election of their representative."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I know whether the Government are subsidizing the Haj Committee and if the answer is in the affirmative, may I know whether the Government would consider subsidizing a Kasi Committee and a Jerusalem Committee? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" A separate question may be put."

JANAB K. M. SEETHI :—" May I know when the Government Order referred to by the Hon. Minister was passed by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It was passed on 27th November 1948."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know which are the organizations that the Government consider as representative of the Muslim community, especially of its religious and pious sections and not of its political section? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I do not know whether the hon. Member refers to all the organizations in Malabar or to the representatives on this Haj Committee."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" I mean the representatives of the Muslim community in North Malabar who have got the right to make, I suppose, pilgrimages for Haj."

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Regarding the first part of the question, I want notice because I require time to gather the information. I may inform the hon. Member that all the Committees are not given permission to elect their representatives. Only 10 of them were selected by the Government to be represented on the Haj Committee."

SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—" May I know what is this Haj Committee and what are its functions? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It is a Provincial Committee and its object is to give aid to people who go on pilgrimage for Haj."

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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the fact that all the Mussalmans, irrespective of whether they are rich or poor, should be given facilities of pilgrimage for Haj, will the Government please consider the suggestion that all Mussalmans are given representation on the Committee concerned? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" The question whether they are rich or poor does not arise here. The Government select certain representative organizations which are functioning properly in each of the taluks and representation is given to them on the Committee."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—"क्या वजीर साहब बता सकते हैं कि इस जमात के अलावा मलबार में और भी कोई जमात हैं जो कि मुसलमानों की नुमायंदभी कर सकते हैं ? और क्या यह भी बता सकते हैं कि यह जमात मुसलमानों की दरअसल नुमायंदगी कर सकता है ? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" If the hon. Member will put his question in English, I may be able to answer it."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" You want to make Hindi the national language. That is why I put the question in Hindi."

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I cannot accept it, coming as it does from the hon. Member."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" What I asked was: 'Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether there are other organizations of Muslims which are more representative of the Muslims of Malabar and whether the Government are satisfied that the particular organizations they have selected are actually representative of most of the Muslims of Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" The Government are satisfied that the organizations selected represent the interests of the Muslims of Malabar. That is why the Government have given them the right to elect their representatives."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Do the Government subsidize this Haj Committee? If so, will they subsidize a Benaras Committee and a Jerusalem Committee? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I want notice, Sir."

SRI P. V. R. GAJAPATHI RAJU :—" Is there any special reason why in a secular State the Government should take a special interest in the Muslim community which is religiously interested in Haj pilgrimage? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, there is a certain amount of confusion in these various questions. There is the fact that a large number of people huddle together

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at the same moment in order to go to Mecca and if the same phenomenon is observed in the process to go to Benaras or anywhere else, Government are bound to take sanitary and other precautions and provide facilities for people, according to their convictions. The conception of a secular State keeps out partiality against one or another community. But this is a question of public health and public facility for large bodies of people who are eager to go at a particular time on a particular pilgrimage. There is no contradiction in it."

SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI:—"What are the qualifications of the members of this Haj Committee?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—"They must be elected by the organizations which the Government have approved of as the electorate."

SRI P. V. R. GAJAPATHI RAJU:—"Sir, the Hon. the Chief Minister was pleased to state that it was the duty of the Government to provide necessary facilities for the large bodies of Muslims who go on Haj pilgrimage from India. I concede that point. Does it follow, therefore, that Government provide transport facilities only and nothing else?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Inoculation, vaccination and such other hygienic precautions have also to be taken."

Building schemes of the City Improvement Trust.

* 90 Q.—SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the City Improvement Trust, has undertaken building schemes in a number of places in Madras;

(*b*) if so, the places where they have built the tenements;

(*c*) who fixes the rent for the rooms in the tenements built by the Trust;

(*d*) in building tenements do the Trust take into consideration the rent payable and the capacity of the original dwellers in those places; and

(*e*) in undertaking improvement work in slums and other places, how are the original occupiers of the land taken up for improvements disposed of?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(*a*) It is a fact that the City Improvement Trust, has undertaken building schemes in a few places.

"(*b*) (i) Forty-eight (48) apartments have so far been built at Cox Cheri, near the Railway level-crossing, Chintadripet;

(ii) A few model and experimental houses have been put up at Mambalam South Area, near Saidapet Toll gate and at Kodambakkam, near the Railway level-crossing.